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INTRODUCTION

This volume, undertaken under the auspices of SCOLMA (Standing Conference on Library Materials on Africa) is the third in the series, following *Theses on Africa accepted by the universities in the United Kingdom and Ireland 1920-1962* (published in 1964) and *Theses on Africa 1963-1975 accepted by the universities in the United Kingdom and Ireland* compiled by John McIlwaine (published in 1978).

It lists 3654 items, compared with the 3497 of its two predecessors combined, reflecting the general increase in the number of research degrees awarded in this country in recent years. The tables at the end of this introduction show the number of degrees awarded by year, and by each university or awarding institution.

Subject Coverage

As in the preceding volumes, material relating to the whole of Africa is listed, including subjects such as Roman and Christian North Africa and Egyptology which are often excluded from consideration in the field of African studies. General material on developing countries and the Commonwealth has also been included where there appeared to be content relevant to Africa. As before, theses on scientific subjects have been included. The decision was made to exclude material which appeared to relate only to laboratory experiments, but in practice it was often hard to make this distinction.

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